



Metro



2023-26 Regional Travel Options Grant Information Session #1

November 9, 2022

Today's purpose

- Go over RTO Grant Program, application process and timeline (~45 min)
- Answer questions
- Remaining time? Roundtable
 - Introduce yourself/organization, what sort of travel options efforts you focus on (or want to focus on) in the region

Metro Regional Travel Options (RTO) Program

The RTO program provides grants and supports efforts that increase travel options use.

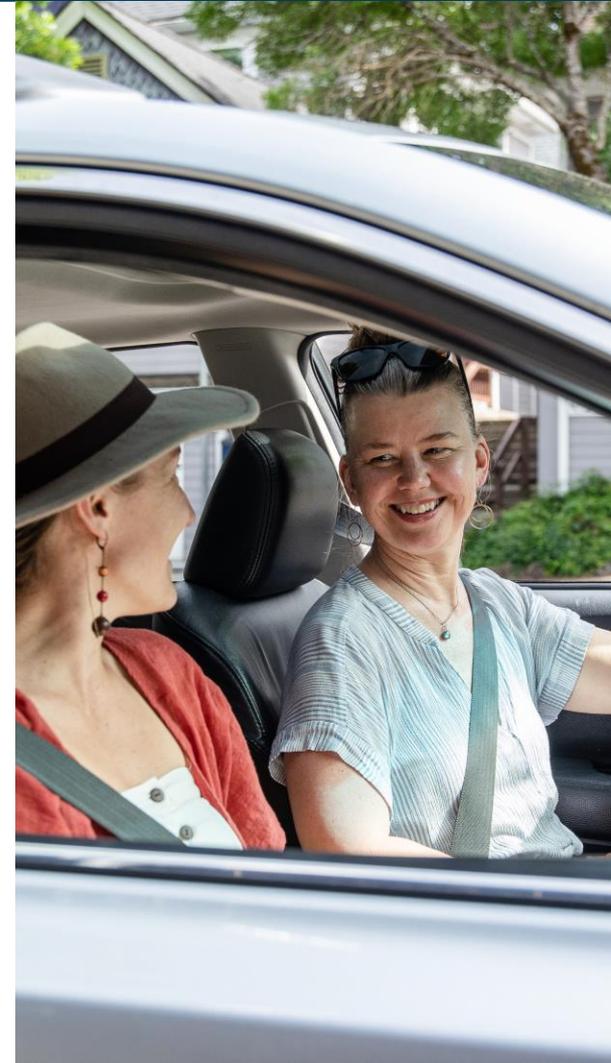
Three areas of emphasis:

1. Commute
2. Safe Routes to School
3. Community



Commute

- Employer commute benefit program assistance
- Programming for students and staff commuters
- Marketing & outreach programs
- TDM planning & coordination



Safe Routes to School

- Support for kids and families attending public K-12 schools
- Education, Encouragement, Engagement & Evaluation
- Regional program includes grants, regional coordination, and technical assistance



Community

- Travel support for trips outside of work/school
- Meeting and supporting people where they are – multi-family housing, community centers, community events
- Metro support to coordinate programming, identify gaps, build capacity



 **Transportation Wallet**
FOR RESIDENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Transportation Wallet is a package of **FREE transportation options** to help you get where you need to go. 

OPTION 1	Transit for a Year		
 Individual	 Unlimited rides with a twelve-month Reduced Fare Pass. Must have Honored Citizen Photo ID Hop card.		
OPTION 2	All Modes		
 Individual	 \$200 loaded on your Hop card	 BIKETOWN for All or Adaptive BIKETOWN membership	 \$75 Visa card for e-scooters, Lyft, Uber, and/or Taxi
			
OPTION 3	All Modes Household		
 Household (multiple people at one address)	 \$225 - \$300 loaded on Hop cards (depending on household size)	 BIKETOWN for All or Adaptive BIKETOWN membership	 \$75 - \$150 Visa card for e-scooters, Lyft, Uber, and/or Taxi (depending on household size)
			

RTO Grant Program

Grants to increase access to, and use of, travel options

- Biking
- Walking/rolling
- Public transit
- Shared mobility
- Telecommuting
- Carpool/vanpool



RTO Grant Eligibility Reminders

- Must increase access to, and use of, travel options
- Must occur within the Portland Metropolitan Planning Area
- Must align with Metro's 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2018 Regional Travel Options (RTO) Strategy

RTO Grant Eligibility Reminders

- Who can apply:
 - Government agencies
 - Colleges/Universities/School Districts
 - Non-Profits
- All grants are reimbursement-based
- 10.27% Match required

2023 – 2026 RTO Grants

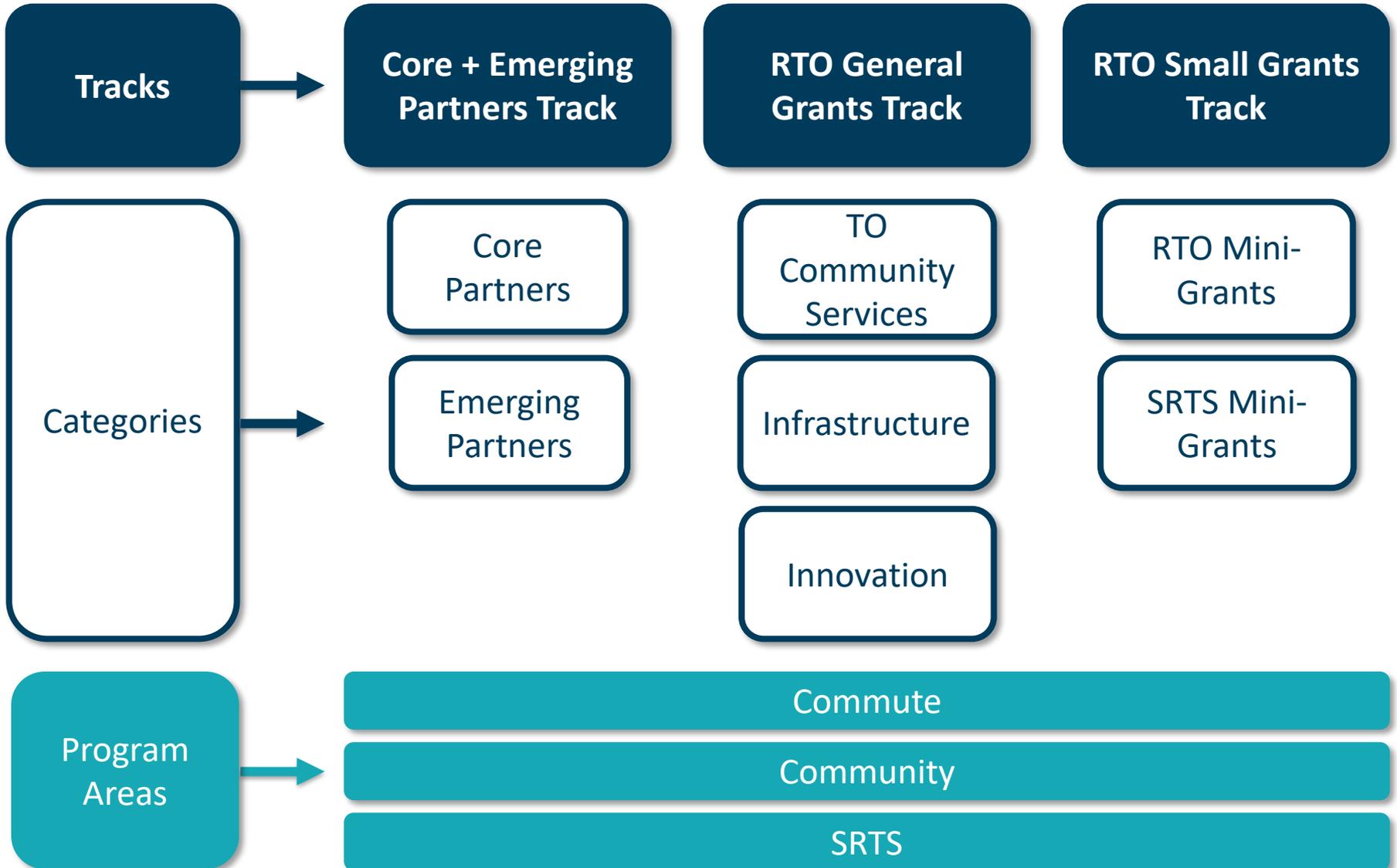
Jan 3 rd , 2023	Grant applications open
March 31 st , 2023	Grant applications due
July 1 st , 2023	Funding available, grant activity begins
2024, 2025, 2026	Fiscal Years for which funding is available
\$9.14 million	Estimated funding available

RTO Grant Program Updates

Grant program updates informed by:

- 2022 RTO Racial Equity Strategy
- 2022 RTO Commute Program Action Plan
- Partner + stakeholder feedback

RTO Grant Program



Core + Emerging Partners Track

- Funds organizations that have, or are working towards, a long-standing commitment to supporting travel options as a key organizational function.
- Applicants will work collaboratively with RTO staff to determine scope and budget

Invitation only, 1-3 year agreements

Apply on Zoomgrants

Separate applications for RTO Program Areas: Commute, Community, SRTS

Letter of Interest due Feb 3rd, 2023

Full application due March 31st, 2023

Grant awards starting at \$50,000

RTO General Grants Track

Funding for a variety of travel options initiatives

- Travel Options (TO)
Community Services
- Infrastructure
- Innovation

Prioritizes new applicants and specific project ideas

Open annually

Apply on Zoomgrants

Projects can include multiple RTO

Program Areas:
Commute,
Community, SRTS

Letter of Interest due
March 10th, 2023

Full application due
March 31st, 2023

Grant awards starting
at \$5,000

Travel Options (TO) Community Services

- Funding for organizations to support travel options for the communities they serve, regardless of whether the organization itself has a transportation focus.
- Services to meet specific needs identified by community organizations
- Application open annually, 1-3 year grant agreement

Infrastructure

- Supportive infrastructure to help people use active transportation
- Eligible projects:
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Bike parking/lockers/repair stations
 - Public demonstration projects (i.e. Better Block)
- Application open annually, 1-year grant agreement

Innovation

- New ideas, approaches, audiences, and/or technologies that encourage or assist people to use travel options
- “Innovation” is a flexible definition
- Application open annually, 1-3 year grant agreement

RTO Small Grants Track

Small awards intended to help with events or small purchases to support outreach

- RTO Mini-Grants
- SRTS Mini-Grants

Materials and supplies only – no staff time

Apply anytime, rolling award schedule throughout 3-year cycle

Simplified online form

Individual award cap at \$5,000

1 application per org per Fiscal Year

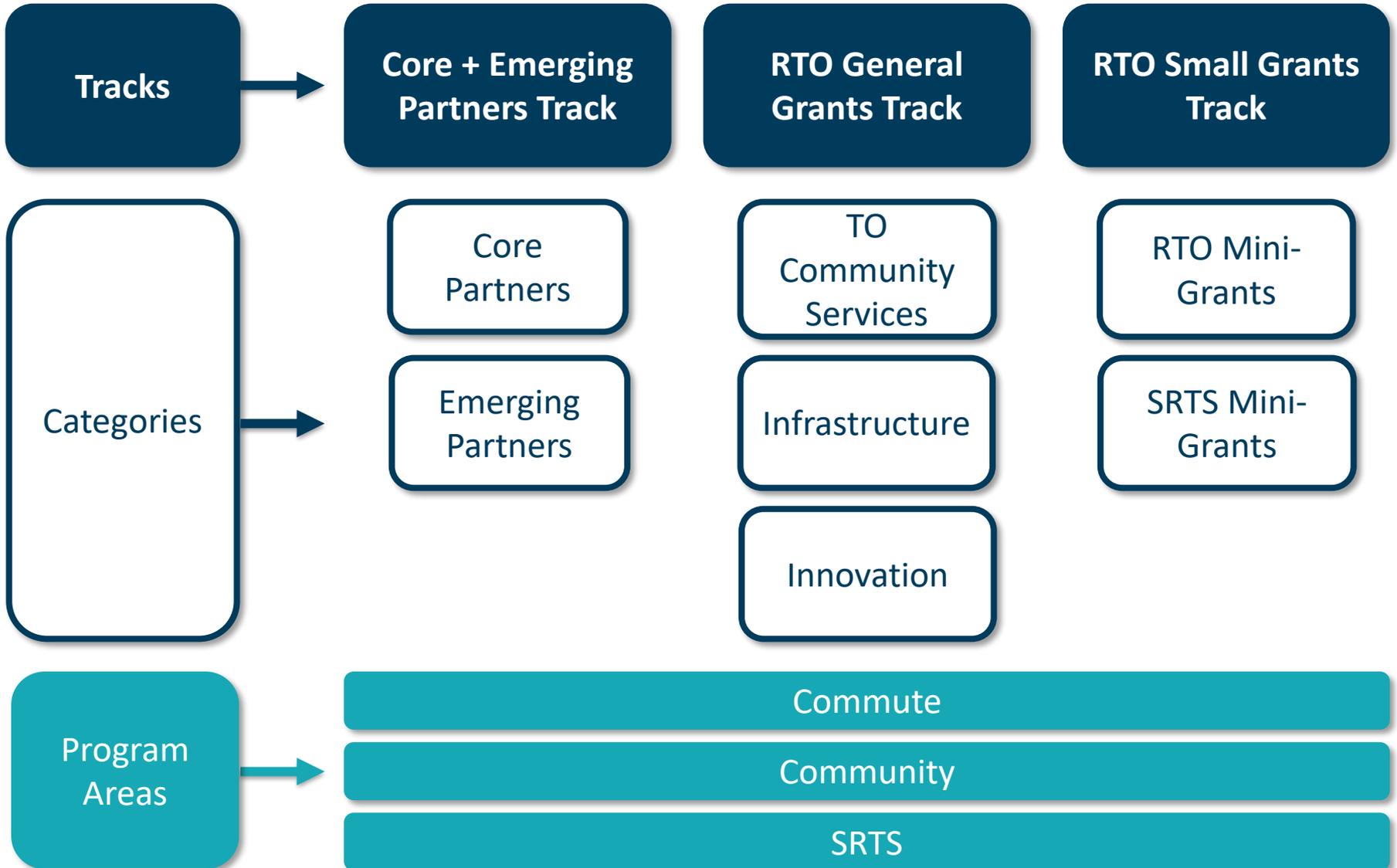
RTO Mini-Grants

- Formerly “Sponsorships and TO Assistance”
- Open to all eligible RTO applicants
- Eligible Examples:
 - Educational materials or supplies for events
 - Incentives (gift cards) or giveaways (bike lights, helmets, etc)

SRTS Mini-Grants

- Open to all SRTS programs and public K-12 schools/districts (or non-profit school PTOs)
- Same eligible items and funding level as RTO mini-grants; application with slightly different questions tailored toward SRTS programs
- Application will include existing 'SRTS *micro* grants' (\$500) for individual schools

RTO Grant Program



Key Dates for 2023

January 3	All applications open
February 3	Core + Emerging LOI due
March 10	RTO General Grants LOI due
March 31	All applications due*

*RTO Small Grants Track open on a rolling basis from Jan 3, no deadline

Resources:

- RTO Grant Application Handbook – coming Dec 2022
- Scope of Work Template
 - Required for all applicants (except Small Grants Track)
 - Available now for download

Learn more

oregonmetro.gov/rto-grants

What's Next:

- Additional RTO grant info sessions:
 - Core + Emerging Partners:
Wed Jan 18, 2023
10 am-noon
 - General/Small Grants:
Tues Jan 24, 2023
2-4 pm

Learn more
oregonmetro.gov/rto-grants

Questions?

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